



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 408

Senate, April 3, 2014

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH OPTIONS FOR ADULT MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-28e of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is amended by adding subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2014*):

4 (NEW) (c) Not later than October 1, 2014, the Commissioner of
5 Social Services shall amend the Medicaid state plan to include services
6 provided by psychologists licensed under chapter 383 and clinical
7 social workers licensed under chapter 383b to Medicaid recipients who
8 are twenty-one years of age or older. The commissioner shall include
9 such services as an optional service covered under the Medicaid
10 program and provide direct Medicaid reimbursements to such
11 psychologists and clinical social workers who are enrolled as Medicaid
12 providers and who treat such Medicaid recipients in private offices
13 that are not located in or affiliated with a clinic or federally qualified
14 health center.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-28e
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HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 15 \$	FY 16 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill will result in a cost associated with amending the Medicaid state plan to cover services provided by licensed psychologists and clinical social workers. The total cost for this change would depend on the number of eligible individuals and providers and the rate paid for such services. For purposes of an example, the current Medicaid rate for a Psychologist (for clients under the age of 21) for behavioral health intervention for an individual is \$11.30, while the rate for psychological testing is \$75.05.

To the extent that the state supports such services for individuals with non-Medicaid funding, a savings would offset a portion of these costs.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 408*****AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH OPTIONS FOR ADULT MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the social services commissioner, by October 1, 2014, to amend the Medicaid state plan to include services licensed psychologists and clinical social workers provide to Medicaid recipients who are age 21 or older. It requires him to (1) include these services as an optional service covered under Medicaid and (2) provide direct Medicaid reimbursements to the psychologists and clinical social workers who (a) are enrolled as Medicaid providers and (b) treat these Medicaid recipients in private offices not located in or affiliated with a clinic or federally qualified health center.

By law, the commissioner must submit notice of any proposed amendment to the state plan to Human Services and Appropriations committees before submitting it to the federal government.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/18/2014)